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Dear Parents and Carers,

You may have seen from national media that a report was recently produced by the NSPCC around harmful sexual behaviours in all schools. This is sometimes referred to as Child-on-Child abuse and includes things such as bullying, cyber-bullying, physical assault and sexual harassment.

In response to this, Ofsted launched a national review into sexual abuse in schools. It recommended that all schools, colleges and multi-agency partners act as though sexual harassment and online sexual abuse are happening, even when there are no specific reports.

At Kibworth Mead Academy we would like to reiterate our firm commitment to the belief that harmful sexual behaviors and harassment of any sort are not acceptable and will not be tolerated. We use a whole-site approach for creating a positive, safe and supportive place where students can learn and develop. We have clear behaviour expectations and teach them to all.

This week we will be having a whole school focus for students, staff and parents on how we spot the signs, **STOP- Start Telling Other People** and support each other.

As part of this students will be having a focused year group assembly, PHSE sessions that will support and embed and be asked to complete a short student voice questionnaire around harmful sexual behaviours. In November we have a visiting theatre company delivering a performance to all year groups.

Some students may be asked to join a group discussion around their experiences in and out of school and how we can support in creating a safe and nurturing environment. If you feel that this is something that you would not want your child to be involved in, please contact the school or email on the safeguarding email [safeguarding@kibworth-tmet.uk](mailto:safeguarding@kibworth-tmet.uk)

This week's newsletters will have more ways you can develop your own knowledge of this area, with lots of links to support for families.

Kind regards

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